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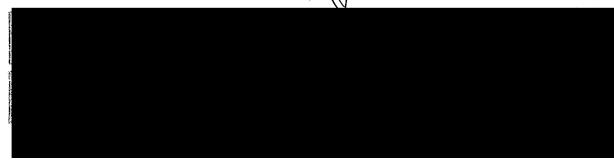
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- 1. Following the decision reached during the meeting of SK-EID to create a "Democratic Front", various contacts and conversations have been held for that purpose.
- 2. SK-ELD assigned to Markos Kladakis, who agreed with the creation of a Democratic Front, to proceed to contact and to sound out opinion among various organizations, parties, and important persons regarding the method of achieving this front. SK-EID gave Markos Kladakis this assignment because he does not belong to SK-ELD and has no party ties with any party organization. SK-EID hoped that, acting as a third party, Kladakis could at least learn the views of the various democratic and progressive elements.
- 3. When Tsouderos was approached he refused to participate in such a front, saying that this was the line of his party and that anyone who believed in the creation of such a front, thus had only to join his party.
- 4. Pepes Argyropoulos, of the "Political Reconstruction Movement", said that he was agreeable, but that the others of his group are lawyers, and some of them are obstructing even the establishment of the "Political Reconstruction Movement" to the point where the signed charter of their movement has not yet been deposited with the judicial authorities, despite the decision which they had reached to deposit it at once. Hevertheless Argyropoulos promised to visit Plastiras and discuss with him the creation of the "Democratic Front".
- 5. The ASO (Independent Socialist Group) answered that, so long as Tsirimokos remained in the leadership of SK-ELD, they could have no confidence in this
- 6. The circles of Benetatos and others (KESA = Kentriki Epitropi Sosialistikis Anasynkrotiseos - "Central Committee for Socialist Reconstruction") regard the creation of this front as a "Communist plot" to split the "National Front" which must be created to face the menace of Communism. They published an answer in the Athens newspapers.

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7. Meanwhile other circles of SK-EID are saying that the CCHISCO has more or less officially recognized SK-EID and will place at the latter's disposal funds to subsidize the publication of a daily newspaper, with the "Makhi" continuing as a weekly newspaper. It is said, however, that there will be negotiations to obtain cooperation between SK-EID and Peltekis, Kartalis, and the circles of the newspaper "Eleftheria", with the intention that "Eleftheria" shall echo the daily views of SK-EID and those who cooperate with that p rty. In explaining this support end as a quid pro quo, they say that SK-EID published in "Makhi" an article on "Self-Government of Cyprus" at a time when even the Cypriot Communists were still demanding union with Greece.

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9. The newly elected Central Committee of SK-EID, with the exception of Askoutsis and Stratis, consists of friends of Tsirimokos.

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